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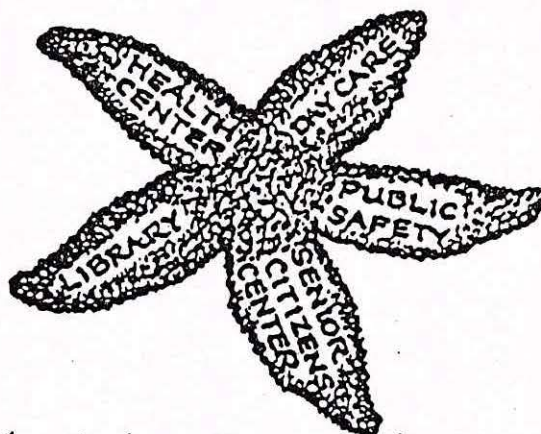
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Peaks Island STAR



Newsletter of the Island's Service Agencies & other Community News

January 2008

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Issue 1

PEAKS ISLAND TAX ASSISTANCE

Members of Peaks Island Tax Assistance will be very busy in January and February. On January 14th we will sponsor a Soup and Ladle Supper at the Peaks Island Baptist Church on Pleasant Street from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. The menu will include our home-made soups, breads, and salad plus desserts provided by the Baptist Church. At \$5 per adult and \$2.50 (\$16 per family of 5 or more) for children this will be a yummy dinner for all. We hope to do this twice a month during January, February and March. Come and Join us.

We will be sponsoring **WINTER CARNIVAL 2007** during school vacation week, **February 15-23, 2008. JOIN US! SPONSOR AN ACTIVITY! GIVE US YOUR IDEAS FOR NEW EVENTS!** All organizations on the Island are invited to plan an event as a fundraiser or as a fun event.. PITA scheduled ice skating on Monday and a spaghetti dinner on Thursday. Please call Cynthia at 766-0067 if your group would like to participate.

The Peaks Island Music Association voted to give the proceeds for the Holiday Concert to Peaks Island Tax Assistance. We thank them for their generosity and kindness. PIMA provides great music, sponsors the Peaks Island Chorale, and summer concerts. The Chorale has performed for A Slice of Peaks for three years. We are very fortunate to have their support.

Feeling cooped up? Winter blues got you? Need a smile and a chuckle?

Get OUT for a bit to: an evening of *Satirical Song & Story*

With DOUG SMITH****Madame FAITH YORK at the piano!!****

With Special GuestsThe fabulous HANLEY GIRLS,

*****Camille & Eileen, Winners of 'Peaks Idol '07'!!*****

FRIDAY, JAN. 18th 7 pm At BRACKETT CHURCH

Proceeds from this whimsical evening go to: Peaks Island Tax Assistance

Suggested donation: \$4.00 Children under 12: \$1.00

Coffee, Tea, and Desserts after the show! ***** *Do Come!!******

Info: Doug at 766-3015

Peaks Island Girl Scout Troop 1977

Happy New Year! The girls will be selling Girl Scout cookies beginning on January 6. Please contact us if you would like to place an order.

Diane Ricciotti 766-5183

Katherine Moxhay 766-2756

St. Christopher's Catholic Church

15 Central Avenue Father Fred Morse, Pastor 766-2585

Sunday Mass at 10 AM followed by fellowship in the Parish House

Daily Mass: Most Wednesdays at 12 noon

Religious Instruction: For the sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation takes place at 9 AM each Sunday. For more information, please call Susan Hanley at 766 2735 or Barbara Hoppin at 766 2593.

Sacraments: Baptism, Reconciliation & Marriage: Call/ask Father Fred.

AA Meetings take place most Tuesdays at 6:30 PM in the Parish House.

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Peaks Island Baptist Church

Phone 207-766-3037

235 Pleasant Avenue

Web: pibc.info

Blessed New Year from Peaks Island Baptist Church!

We have some exciting news for Teens and Tweens! On **February 2**, we are going to see the hit band **Rush of Fools** followed by a **Portland Pirates Hockey Game**. We will be taking the 2:45 boat off Island. As always, there is no cost for island kids. For any parents who wish to join us, the cost will be \$12.00. For more information please call Aaron and Michele at 766-2453.

We always love visitors! Feel free to come worship with us anytime, we would love to meet you.

Sundays:

Sunday School: 10:00 am

Morning Worship: 11:00 am

Wednesdays Night Prayer: 7:00 pm

CERT Prepares for Emergencies

January and the New Year are good times to check and refresh your emergency water supplies as well as the condition of your fire extinguishers and smoke detector batteries — it's time well spent!

Our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is developing a Resource Directory to help with our emergency response on the island. It will include contact information for volunteers who can help in an emergency with medical, communications, transportation, equipment, clearing obstacles, heat, water, power and lodging. Please contact the Peaks CERT team at PeaksCERT@gmail.com.

CERT meets on the third Monday of each month at the Senior Center. Please join with us for this month's meeting at 6 PM on January 21st!

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Peaks Island Council Notes

In late December, the Peaks Island Council established a website which contains dates of upcoming meetings, agendas, meeting minutes, news, the ability to contact any or all of the Councilors and action items undertaken. The internet address of the website is:

<http://www.peaksislandcouncil.info/>

For those without computer access, meeting and workshop agendas and minutes will be available in the Library. Soon, we believe we'll be able to post our meeting agendas and minutes near the front cash register at Hannigans as well—many thanks Bob!

The following are the times and places for upcoming meetings and workshops:

January 2, 2008 Workshop – 7:00 PM @ Community Center

January 9, 2008 Workshop – 7:00 PM @ Community Center

January 16, 2008 Workshop – 7:00 PM @ Community Center

January 28, 2008 Regular Meeting – 6:30 PM @ Peaks Island School

In its first full month of existence, the Council has taken steps to establish a committee framework and communications strategy, presented input on the Maine State Pier project to the City Council, met with The Olympia Company on parking issues and hosted a visiting group from Portland's sister city Archangel, Russia.

VOLUNTEER ISLAND TRANSPORTATION

The volunteer island taxi service is available for all islanders. If you need to go anywhere on the island, please call the volunteer for the day you need a lift. We offer rides Monday – Friday during the day. **It's best to call a day before, if possible.** Most drivers have answering machines so you can leave a message if they're not in.

Date	Driver(s)	Phone	Date	Driver(s)	Phone
Tue 1/1	Holiday – No Service		Thu 1/17	The Karlsens	2188
Wed 1/2	The Taylors	2811	Fri 1/18	Harris Kennedy	0966
Thu 1/3	The Zimmermans	0061	Mon 1/21	Diana Moxhay	2215
	Or 712-1713		Tue 1/22	Marcie Appel	5071
Fri 1/4	The Hoppins	2593	Wed 1/23	Mere Roberts	5819
Mon 1/7	Judy Piawlock	2109	Thu 1/24	Toni Muro	2639
Tue 1/8	Monica Stevenson	2010	Fri 1/25	Peg Astarita	5997
Wed 1/9	Dan Murphy	5849	Mon 1/28	The Carys	5548
Thu 1/10	Marty Braun	9726	Tue 1/29	Nancy Hall	2514
Fri 1/11	Saltonstall,	899-0922	Wed 1/30	Nancy Hall	2514
Mon 1/14	Marjorie Phylfe	2307	Thu 1/31	Jerry Garman	5054
Tue 1/15	The Shaws	3394	Fri 2/1	The Voyers	2523
Wed 1/16	The Pedlikins	0067		Or 232-6878	

To volunteer as a driver, please call Cevia Rosol at 0059 or Nancy Hall at 2514. We always need more drivers, and it's a great way to give something to the island.

Peaks Island Health Center
Nancy Wright, FNP
www.peakshealth.org 87 Central Avenue PO Box 52 207-766-2929

Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9 – 2:30. Appointments are recommended. Nancy will be on vacation the week of January 21 – 25. Please plan your appointment and prescription refill needs accordingly. We will re-open on Monday, January 28.

When the office is closed: An on-call provider number – to be used in cases of urgent medical necessity by patients who use Nancy Wright as their primary provider – is on the answering machine when the office is closed. If you have another doctor's office listed with your insurance carrier as your primary care provider, it is important to call or page them first with any health issues. This provides for continuity of care and medication management. Emergency situations always require a 911 call.

Brighton First Care, at the MMC Brighton Avenue facility in Portland, and ASAP Clinic in South Portland on Western Avenue, are available for walk-in appointments; each is open 7 days a week and evenings. ASAP's number for hours and directions is 553-9071, and Brighton First Care is 662-8000. Emergency Rooms at Maine Medical Center and Mercy Hospital are open 24 hours a day.

Please call the Health Center office with any questions or clarifications regarding the above information; we are always happy to assist you!

Community Dental has scheduled the dentist for Friday, January 11, and the hygienist for Friday, January 18, at the Health Center. The number to call for an appointment is 874-1025 x 3018. It is required that you see the dentist for an evaluation and x-rays before a cleaning can be scheduled. A sliding fee scale is available based on financial need.

A **podiatrist** from Dr. Dorsey's office will be at the Health Center on Wednesday, January 16. Please call Cumberland County Foot Care, 761-3889, ext.10, for an appointment.

Thank you to Jim Lausier, of Lausier Family Gardens, for donating the beautiful wreath for our door and the greenery in our front entryway. A happy holiday season and healthy new year to all!

SENIOR NEWS

The Peaks Island seniors met on Monday December 10th for their pot luck luncheon. A capacity crowd attended. After lunch the pre schoolers from the Peaks Island Childrens Workshop came to the senior center to entertain with seasonal poems and songs. The children presented the seniors glittery stars then sang Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star. The children were poised and eager to sing. There were no girls in attendance so we called them the Boys Choir. When the children were ready to leave our president Ruth Williamson passed out animal crackers to the little ones. A fun time was had by all.

There will be no luncheon in January as its usually too cold, snowy or icy.

See you in February the second Monday of the month, at the senior center on Central Ave.



Peaks Island Children's Workshop

P.O. Box 80
71 Herman Avenue
Peaks Island, ME 04108-0080

Telephone: 207-766-2854
Fax: 207-766-2739

I'd like to start the new year with a big thank you to the teachers at the Children's Workshop for their hard work and nurturing ways with the children who attend. The love and patience is phenomenal! We have five new preschoolers joining us in January.

In December the preschoolers shared holiday songs and cookies at the Senior Luncheon. We enjoy our visits with the Island seniors and hope to have many more.

Post cards, designed by the previous group of Workshop kids, are on sale at a number of Island stores. They make great gifts, gift tags and quick notes to keep in touch.

Please plan to join us at O'Naturals on Exchange Street on February 4. 10% of all sales between the hours of 3:30 and 7:30 will be donated to the Workshop.

Look for more information about a "Wine, Cheese and Chocolate" ladies clothing swap at the Workshop on February 10.

Please start saving those outgrown clothes, toys, furniture and other paraphernalia for a Kids Yard Sale in March. More information coming...

OUR HEARTFELT THANKS TO THOSE WHO:

- ❖ donate bottle return slips to the Workshop at Hannigan's Island Market
- ❖ contributed to the donation we received from the Saint Lucia pageant
- ❖ donate to the Workshop by using Goodsearch.com whenever you do an internet search
- ❖ those who have contributed food to the Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is well stocked with both individual and family size servings. Please stop by whenever the Workshop is open if you need some help with groceries.

Thank You

Two teams of volunteers carry out the mechanics of producing the Peaks Island STAR each month. Thank you to team leaders Kay Taylor and Suzy Kane and to their team members Al Baldi, George Rosol, Larry Blake, and Gene Taylor. Thank you also to Rose Ann Walsh, who addresses the envelopes for subscribers and to Tom and Elaine Quigg, who fold and mail the STAR each month. And a big thank you to all the representatives of island organizations who are so good about getting their articles in each month. The 25th comes around with amazing speed, and you do a wonderful job of getting your information in on time. Thank you!

-Priscilla Webster

Organizations' Representatives to the Peaks Island STAR

At the beginning of a new calendar year is a good time for your organization to make sure that you have named a representative to the Peaks Island STAR. Each nonprofit, nonpartisan organization on the island should submit the name and contact information of the person who will be submitting articles from their group to Priscilla Webster at the library.

Homestart

Homestart will be holding the first of a series of winter community meetings on Saturday, January 19th from 10AM-12PM at the Community Room. Please join us to learn about the Community Land Trust model. We will have speakers here from the Genesis fund as well as Avesta, with time for a question and answer period at the end. Please feel free to contact Barbara Hoppin 766-2593, Bahoppin@aol.com, Ellen Mahoney 766-2543, EdandEllen@maine.rr.com or Brooke Brewer-Island Fellow 449-3401, brooke_brewer@fastmail.net with any questions.

HOMESTART, P.O. Box 174, Peaks Island, ME 04108

STAR OF THE SEA STUDIOS

Due to the storms in December, we had to cancel our visits to the nursing homes, but we hope to make them up in early January. Our new season, 2008, starts on Wednesday, January 9, at the Riverton School and on Sunday, January 13, on the island. Please call for times for both studios, 766-2727.

Our theme for the new season is "Here Comes the Showboat." We love this program; it is full of great personality music in tap - jazz and ballet, in song and dance. We hope to add the Veterans' Home, S C Independent Living, and others to our nursing home visits. We appreciate your support. Happy New Year to you all.

Musically Yours, Doreen and Company

What's Happening in Our Community?

To find out about upcoming community events on Peaks Island, please visit www.PeaksIsland.info. There you'll find an online Peaks Island community calendar, as well as information about various island meeting places, links to the websites of many Peaks Island organizations and a listing of Peaks Island businesses.

We'd like to add your event!

If your organization has a community event it would like listed, just fill out and submit the entry form on the website. Please note that events listed on the calendar are limited to Peaks Island community events, including those sponsored by on-island groups, benefit events, and general non-commercial meeting notices.

Do You Need Tax Forms?

Some Tax Forms are available at the Peaks Island Branch Library: State of Maine, Long and Short forms, and some basic federal forms and instruction booklets. Those who wish may also use library computers to download tax forms. Staff are always willing to help. For those with internet access, there are links to state and federal tax form sites as well as other helpful tax information on the Portland Public Library website: www.portlandlibrary.com. After clicking on the Site Index (at the bottom of the list on the left-hand side of the page), scroll down to the Ts and click on Tax Information.

January at the Peaks Island Branch Library
in the Community Building 766-5540 email peaks@portland.lib.me.us
Hours Open: Tues 2-8 Wed 10-4 Fri 10-2 Sat 8-12

Memorial Gift: The Children's Area of the library has a beautiful new seating rug, with a pattern called "Reading by the Book." Children who arrived for story time just as the new rug was unrolled really enjoyed sitting on the different letters of the alphabet. The rug, which has a bright blue background, has been given in memory of Elizabeth Morrison Alves by the extended Corbett family. The Corbetts were Liz's devoted friends since their teenage years, and blue was Liz's favorite color. All of us will enjoy this thoughtful gift in Liz's memory, including the many members of her family who live here and especially her grandchildren who now frequent the Children's Area of the library.

Children's Programs are Nursery Rhyme Time for infants and toddlers on Wednesdays and Fridays at 11 and Story Time on Fridays at 10:15. Everyone is welcome at either program. If you have visiting children, they will be welcome.

First Tuesdays Book Discussion: In January, the meeting will be on the second Tuesday, the 8th, and the book will be *Eat, Pray, Love: Searching for Everything Across Italy, India and Indonesia* by Elizabeth Gilbert. For the February 5th meeting, the book is *The Lemon Tree: an Arab, a Jew and the Heart of the Middle East* by Sandy Tolan. Meetings are at 7 pm, usually in the Community Room. All are welcome. Phone or email the library to reserve a copy of the books.

New Books at the Library

New books, CDs, DVDs and magazines come into the library all the time. You can phone or email to have a copy reserved for you or to put your name on a waiting list. Some of the recent new books are

Nonfiction: Diane **Ackerman**, *The Zookeeper's Wife*, Peter **Benoit**, *History of Jewell Island, Maine*; Anthony **Bourdain**, *No Reservations: Around the World on an Empty Stomach*; Michael **Gill**, *How Starbucks Saved My Life*; Peter **Gomes**, *The Scandalous Gospel of Jesus*; Bruce **Henderson**, *Down to the Sea: an Epic Story of Naval Disaster and Heroism in World War II*; Jonathan **Pond**, *Grow Your Money*; Anna **Quindlen**, *Good Dog. Stay*; Daniel **Schorr**, *Come to Think of It*; Sandy **Tolan**, *The Lemon Tree: An Arab, a Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East*; Jeffrey **Toobin**, *The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court*; Christopher **Van Tilburg**, *Mountain Rescue Doctor: Wilderness Medicine in the Extremes of Nature*; Robert **Van Waes**, *Maine Folks and Maine Ways*.

Fiction: Philip **Craig**, *Third Strike*, a Brady Coyne/JW Jackson Mystery; Jan **Karon**, *Home to Holly Springs*; Donald **McCaig**, *Rhett Butler's People*; Colleen **McCullough**, *Antony and Cleopatra*; John **Mortimer**, *Rumpole Misbehaves*; Jo **Nesbo**, *The Redbreast*; Diana **Palmer**, *Long, Tall Texan Legacy*; Robin **Pilcher**, *Starburst*; Ian **Rankin**, *Watchman*; Theresa **Schwegel**, *Person of Interest*; Justin **Scott**, *Mausoleum*; Eugenia **West**, *Without Warning*.

We welcome your suggestions for items you would like to have in the library.

Free Museum Pass

The Peaks Island Branch Library has a free pass available to the Portland Museum of Art that can be "checked out" at the library. The pass is good for a specific day and may be reserved ahead of time. It will admit 2 adults and up to 6 children. Questions? Come into the library or phone us, 5540.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH'S STAR: Friday, January 25, by 6 PM. Bring items copy ready to the library. You may put them in the Book Return if the library is closed.

JANUARY ACTIVITIES on PEAKS ISLAND

Sponsored by Portland Parks and Recreation

To reserve space and/or equipment in the Community Building, you must contact Denise (766-2970 or d1m@portlandmaine.gov) at least two days in advance. Please plan ahead as Denise works part-time on the island. Messages are checked on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays.

THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE PEAKS ISLAND'S ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING SUCH A SUCCESS

Despite the wind, we had a wonderful crowd visiting Santa, decorating the tree, singing songs, and enjoying refreshments. Special thanks to Lisa at Peaks Café and all the wonderful bakers who made the delicious goodies; Chris Hoppin and Mike Richards for providing the music; the Public Works crew for putting the lights on the tree, and of course to Santa and his driver.

ISLAND HAPPENINGS FOR ADULTS

January is National Soup Month and Hot Tea Month. Please bring a can of soup or a box of tea bags to these activities; donations will be brought to the PI Food Pantry on Jan. 31.

New Year's Resolution #1: Take Tai Chi Class

Denise will be "working out" with the Tai Chi Video. Join her so you'll feel comfortable attending Wednesday's class

Monday, January 7 AND Thursday, January 10

11:00 am - PI Community Center

New Year's Resolution #2: Take time for food/fun

Enjoy hot soup and sandwich. Denise will make soup in the crock pot; please bring your own sandwich. Bingo fun too!

Monday, January 14 11:00 am - PI Com. Ctr.

New Year's Resolution #3: Write your memoir!

For the Love of Peaks wants to help you write your memoir.

Friday, January 18 10-11:30 am - PI Com. Ctr.

Tuesday, January 29 1-2:30 pm - PI Com. Ctr.

New Year's Resolution #4: Laugh at "Wild Hogs"

"Wild Hogs" is a funny movie about a group of suburban, middle-aged buddies who start a biker gang. Of course, they get more adventures than they bargained for (100 min.)

Monday, January 28 11:00 am - PI Com. Ctr.

EXERCISE PROGRAMS

Stretching Program (Walking Program is on a winter break)

Monday & Thursdays 8:15 am - PI Com. Ctr.

Low-Impact Exercise Program with weights (1 hour)

Monday & Thursdays 9:30 am - PI Com. Ctr.

Evening Basketball: 15 years of age & over - \$2

(NO program on Wednesday, January 16)

Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:20 pm - PI School

OFF-ISLAND TRIPS FOR ALL ADULTS

Pre-registration required; minimum for van trip is 6.

A transportation fee of \$4 will be collected on the van.

Phone registrations begin on Thursday, Monday, January 7.

Please leave a message for Denise at 766-2970.

LATE LUNCH at APPLEBEE'S and SHOPPING at TARGET, AC MOORE (& more)

Take time to enjoy some post-holiday bargains. We will have a late lunch at Applebee's and then time to explore Target, A.C. Moore, Old Navy and Bed, Bath and Beyond.

Friday, January 11 12:45 pm boat/4:30 pm return



Saturday Night Movies in January Free in the Community Room



Jan.	6 PM	Jan.	8 PM
5	<i>Pirates of the Caribbean – At World's End</i> (2007) PG-13, 168 min	5	<i>Miss Potter</i> (2006) PG, 107 min
12	<i>Finding Nemo</i> (2003) G, 100 min	12	<i>Heartlands</i> (1980) PG-13, 96 min
19	<i>Jack Frost</i> (1998) PG, 101 min	19	<i>Charade</i> (1963) NR, 133 min
26	<i>Wallace & Grommit – Curse of the Were-Rabbit</i> (2005) G, 85 min	26	<i>Adam's Rib</i> (1949) NR, 100 min

The Saturday Night Movies are sponsored by the Friends of the Peaks Island Branch Library. If you have suggestions for movies you would like to see, please get in touch with film coordinator Ken Mehler, 9769, or let the library know.